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> Please do not let Microsoft get away with this. When I first got
> into computing fifteen years ago, there were several multi-media and
> office
> solutions. Prices were competitive and acceptable (around \$150 or so),
> now
> it's almost \$600 for the professional version. The fact is, it is in my
> best interest to have to use their proprietary solutions to work with
> their
> other products. How much longer will it be before this will be a
> requirement?
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> When a company gets as big as MS, it is very easy for them to either
> steal another smaller companies intellectual property, knowing their own
> lawyers are stronger and can drag it out until the smaller company has to
> cave in. Or they can just buy the company out and bury it. This is not
> innovation. It's tyrant bully-ism at it's finest. No company can compete
> against this.
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> Please consider carefully the judgements placed upon MS. They do not
> deserve to get off easily. If they do, we'll be right back here again in
> a
> couple of years.
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> Regards,
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